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GREENFIELD HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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**William F. Martin
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Members:
Passiglia, John (2021)
Miller, Peter (2019)
Ruggles, Arthur III (2020)
Cook, Benton (2020)
Blagg, Tim (2020)
Cloutier, Douglas (2019)
Doug Mayo (2021)
Bob Moorhead (2019)

Meeting Notice Greenfield Historic Commission
Thursday April 4, 2019 at 5 p.m.
At the Greenfield Public Library, 402 Main Street, Greenfield, Mass.

AGENDA

Called to order at:

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes was done by email.

Old Business:
- Feedback from mayor about the Parking Garage kiosk?
- Review Tim Blagg's list, map and description of options for the "Museum in the Streets" signs project.
- Report from Ben Cook on his suggestion(s) for the first recipient(s) of the "Asher P. Benjamin" award.

New Business:

Bob Moorhead raised the question of the state's recommendation that Greenfield should consider a Local Historic District (LHD) for the historic Bank Row/Court Square area under M.G.L. Chapter 40C, through a 2/3 majority vote of the Town Council for this area. This would provide a higher level of protection for all properties in the District. Recommended in the Downtown Plan . Local Historic Districts are administered by a Local Historic District Commission (appointed by the Mayor and may be distinct from the community's Historical Commission) that reviews and approves proposed changes according to the terms of the local bylaw. As a second option, the City could establish an Architectural Preservation District. This is a local designation that recognizes the distinctive characteristics of special areas within a community. They are less strict than LHDs in that they focus on a few key architectural elements and massing, scale, and setback, in an effort to preserve the overall character-defining features of the area. As in LHDs, changes are reviewed by a district commission.

Adjourned at:

CHAIR'S STATEMENT: This meeting is being recorded. If any other persons present are doing the same you must notify the chairperson at this time.
* Please note that the list of topics in this notice was comprehensive at the time of posting, however the Commission may consider and take action on unforeseen matters not specifically named in this notice. Executive Sessions may be called.